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Left: Nichols, Charlie Jones, Dopp.  
Above: FEMA Mobil Homes. Right Disaster Recovery Center Activities.



## Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Exceeds \$32.6 Million

As of June 14, 2006, Missouri citizens have received \$32,605,969 in federal recovery assistance from the Presidential Disaster Declarations from the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding of March 8-13, 2006, and March 30-April 3, 2006.

A total of 3,802 Missourians have applied for disaster assistance under both of Missouri's current federal disaster declarations dated March 16, 2006, and April 5, 2006. More than 3277 individuals have visited Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened for Missouri residents who have applied for disaster assistance. DRCs are designed to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss their needs with personnel from state, federal and voluntary organizations that can answer questions and provide recovery information about various programs available to individuals and business owners. The Caruthersville Disaster Recovery Center officially closed June 20.

\$1,988,697 has been approved for Housing Assistance, including lodging expense reimbursement, repair assistance and temporary rental assistance.

\$1,495,566 been approved for Other Needs Assistance which includes grants for personal property, vehicle losses, disaster related medical, dental and funeral expenses, moving and storage expenses as well as other expenses related to serious needs.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$24,687,000 in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses. Of this amount, \$20,923,500 was approved for home loans and \$3,763,500 was approved for business loans.

\$22,457 has been disbursed in Disaster Unemployment Assistance – 33 claims were approved.

FEMA has ordered and received 227 housing units for Pemiscot County. FEMA has completed 137 site inspections. As of June 14, 2006, 251 applicants have requested manufactured homes. Of that number 133 households have leased units.

\$4,412,248 in Public Assistance has been obligated to Missouri by FEMA. The funds will be used by Missouri to reimburse local governments and agencies for eligible and documented debris removal, and emergency protective measures associated with the severe storms



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## Director's Report

I want to thank the emergency management and first responder communities for all their work to help citizens following the Spring tornados this year. You are truly appreciated.

In addition to their disaster duties, SEMA Area Coordinators continue to work with local emergency managers on the Local Emergency Operations Plan updates. Please try to make time to update contact information in your plan. A disaster is not the time to realize, an important contact has retired without a replacement. Along the same vein, we are continuing to work diligently on the state catastrophic plan. After the state plan is approved, we will help local directors incorporate the information into their plans.

Once we know how much post disaster mitigation funds are available, the mitigation branch will ask for mitigation projects from local communities. Potential projects might include buyouts, safe rooms, or local projects, which will decrease the risk of future damages.

I wish to thank everyone who participated in the homeland security grant focus groups. Missouri was fortunate to be awarded over \$42 Million in funding for FY06. Once we receive the official award letter, our homeland security grant branch will be publishing grant guidelines. Please watch both the SEMA website and the EMD Bulletin for information.

Looking ahead, September is National Preparedness Month in Missouri. The Department of Public Safety and SEMA would like to help publicize regional events, which will help local communities attract more volunteers to their Citizen Corps, CERT, Medical Reserve, Fire Corps or Volunteers in Policing programs.

Have a safe, relaxing summer.



**MEPA BOARD:** seated Brian Carter, Susan Green, Mike Daniels, Diane Bahner. Standing Phil Beeler, Jon Ayers, Bob Crump, Dave Compton, Dennis Johnson, Brad Strobe, Karen Eaglson, Ron Tost, Jim McNabb, Paul Thomas, and Mike Hudson.



**BUSINESS MEETING** - going over workshop assignments.

**HUDSON and CRUMP** receive nametags after conference registration.



**MEPA BOARD MEMBERS** Jim McNabb and Mike Daniels chat with SEMA Director Ron Reynolds prior to a general session at the conference.



# Avian Influenza May 2005 Facts and Answers

## Source: US Dept of Interior and US Dept of Agriculture

The Federal Government expects high path H5N1 to arrive in the U.S. While it's possible that it will not reach our borders, we are preparing as if it will happen. This expectation relates to the rapid spread of the virus overseas and the start of spring migration – with the potential for wild birds to mix in the flyways.

**The arrival of high path avian influenza would NOT signal the start of a human flu pandemic.** There is no evidence that the virus is passed easily from human to human anywhere in the world. Almost all of the human illnesses and deaths in other countries have been attributed to direct contact with infected birds

**Properly prepared poultry is safe to eat.** Even if high path H5N1 reaches the U.S., it is unlikely an infected bird would enter our food supply. Proper cooking kills the avian influenza virus, just as it does many other germs.

**The United States has experience responding to high path avian influenza.** This has been done so three times in the United States. Most recent – 2004, confined to one flock

**The Department of the Interior is expanding wild bird testing as an early warning system.** The Department of the Interior, states, and universities are finalizing a plan to increase testing as spring migration begins. Wild birds move along predictable pathways during migration and many birds that nest in Alaska spend winters in parts of Asia where the high path H5N1 virus is endemic. This early detection plan prioritizes testing in Alaska, elsewhere in the Pacific flyway, and the Pacific Islands. This will be followed by the Central, Mississippi and Atlantic flyways.

The testing plan has five strategies to achieve early detection. They are:

- Testing wild birds that have died or are sick. This offers the highest and earliest probability of detecting the high path H5N1, if it is introduced in the U.S. by

a wild bird

- Sample testing of live wild birds
- Sample testing of hunter-killed birds
- Monitoring and testing of sentinel species
- Testing of environmental samples

The testing plan also calls for a combined testing of 75,000 – 100,000 live and dead birds (DOI, USDA, and states combined) in 2006 and conducting 50,000 habitat samples (feces and water). The plan also establishes a systematic approach to the collection and tracking of sample data

**Detection in wild birds would NOT mean high path AI would reach commercial poultry** because the U.S. poultry industry is very sophisticated. Biosecurity practices are part of daily operations at commercial poultry farms (“biosecurity” practices are sanitary practices that provide protection). Commercial poultry are typically raised in covered buildings – offering limited exposure to wild birds. Most commercial operations control access to and from those buildings and require workers to follow sanitary procedures as they come and go

The U.S. commercial poultry industry is highly consolidated – meaning we have many birds in close, confined locations – so it would be easier to wipeout the virus

**There is a detailed response plan in place and the ability to quickly dispatch a team to the scene of an outbreak.** There are 600 USDA veterinarians and 385 animal health technicians. In addition, there are 400 state veterinarians and 250 state animal health technicians who work cooperatively with USDA on animal health issues. We have the ability to tap into a network of 1,300 state and local veterinarians and animal health technicians if needed (called National Animal Health Emergency Reserve Corps.)

### Additional Background Information

#### **Monitoring Domestic Flocks:**

The USDA works with state and industry partners to monitor and test domestic flocks, including those at live bird markets and commercial poultry operations. There is a “Biosecurity for the Birds” program for backyard flock owners. This program teaches backyard flock owners about important biosecurity - *or sanitary* – practices, how to identify and report signs of illness in birds. There are approximately 50,000 backyard flocks in U.S. (2003 figure)

**Border Control:** There are several protections in place at our borders. USDA quarantines and tests all live birds imported from countries other than Canada, except returning U.S.-origin pet birds that are tested and allowed to go through home quarantine. There are three secure quarantine facilities where birds are held for 30 days and tested for AI.

The USDA prohibits imports of poultry raised or slaughtered in countries where high path H5N1 has been detected in commercial poultry or traditionally raised poultry, not in wild or migratory birds.

**Feathers:** the importation of commercial shipments of raw bulk feathers from highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI) affected countries must comply with USDA regulations to prevent the introduction and dissemination of HPAI H5N1 into the United States. These shipments are required to have a certificate of processing according to USDA regulations and an import permit. **Note:** USDA regulations address importation of poultry and poultry products. We do not have the authority on labeling fully finished commodities containing feathers such as comforters, pillows, jackets, etc.

The USDA has a smuggling interdiction team that works closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection to

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prevent illegal smuggling of birds and poultry products

**International Assistance:** We are expanding our assistance to countries affected by high path H5N1 - knowing that anything we can do to contain the virus overseas, will help to protect both animal and human health in the U.S. The US has sent teams of experts to educate, conduct research, and assist other countries with monitoring and eradication efforts. The US is preparing to work as part of an international team to conduct country-by-country assessments of their needs in relation to AI

**Response Plan details:** In the event of an outbreak, the DOI and USDA is prepared to take five main steps:

- Quarantine the affected poultry operation(s)
- Secure the area and limit movement
- Increase AI testing throughout region to quickly detect any spread
- Humanely destroy the infected birds
- Sanitize the area and maintain quarantine until tests confirm the area is AI-free

**Vaccines:** Additionally, USDA maintains a bank of bird vaccines to protect healthy birds outside a control area, if necessary. The vaccine would be used to create a firewall around a quarantine to prevent spread. Currently there are 40 million doses of the vaccine. This breaks down to 20 million for H7 and 20 million for H5 – proven effective against highly pathogenic H5N1 AI. Additionally, another 70 million doses in development

**Lab Capabilities:** The US has a network of 39 USDA-certified federal, state and university laboratories capable of conducting AI tests (part of National Animal Health Laboratory Network). The combined capacity is 18,000 tests per day (500 tests per day per lab).

During the exotic Newcastle outbreak, a single lab in the network could run 80,000 tests in one day. Spread

among 39 labs, the 75,000-100,000 live and dead bird samples and 50,000 water and feces samples would not a huge increase in testing during a one-year period. The USDA operates premiere lab in Ames, Iowa (National Veterinary Services Laboratory) where confirmatory testing



**MSSC OFFICERS:** Mike Marx (Co-Chair), Susan Green (Chair), and Mark Hasheider (Secretary).

is conducted

**Funding:** In 2006, USDA received \$91 million in supplemental funding to fight A-I here at home and overseas. In addition, our 2007 budget includes \$82 million in appropriated funds to address AI



**RESPONSE COMMITTEE:** SEMA's AC's Mark Winkler and Derek Loehner discuss response issues with Tom Roesler and Mark Hasheider.

## *Earthquake Program Report* **MO. Seismic Safety Commission** *Progresses on Plan Update*

By Steve Besemer, SEMA Earthquake Program Manager

The 16-member Missouri Seismic Safety Commission is continuing its work, in hopes of soon having an update of its 1997 Strategic Plan. The Commission met June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cape Girardeau, primarily to move further with the development of an updated plan. One of SEMA's roles is to provide support services to the Commission, which has been in existence for more than a decade now.

In order to address specific sections of the '97 plan, the Commission has been set up into five committees. Those committees are:

- **Assessment** Chairman Dr. Gregory Hempen (Planning Formerly Geosciences) of St. Louis.
- **Awareness** Chairman Dr. J. David Rogers (Geology) of Rolla.
- **Mitigation** Chairman Ted Pruess, P.E. (Structural Engineering) of St. Louis.
- **Recovery** Chairman Jeffery Garnatz (Insurance) of Columbia.
- **Response** Chairman Mark Hasheider (Fire Protection) of Cape Girardeau.

At the June meeting, four of the five committees were able to convene and work on the issues members would like to see identified in the Strategic Plan update. Commissioners have indicated that some of the strategies from the 1997 plan appear to still be viable ones for the updated plan, but there is also the need to develop new ones. One thing they have identified which would help in putting this plan together is to talk with representatives from several state agencies in order to get answers about some specific issues.

The Commission hopes to be able to accomplish this at its next meeting, set for August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jefferson City. Commissioners will also discuss plans for their involvement in next February's Earthquake Awareness Week activities around the state.



# Missouri's Ready in 3 Program Helps Citizens

By Laura Kliethermes, Mo Dept of Health & Senior Services

*We interrupt this programming for a test of the Emergency Broadcasting System. This is only a test. If this were an actual emergency, you would be instructed to . . .*

Take a moment and finish that thought. If faced with a real emergency what would you do? Are you prepared? Does your family have an emergency plan? Do you know how you will reach your family members if disaster strikes during the workday?

Now is the time to answer these questions and prepare your family – before an emergency happens. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' *Ready in 3* emergency preparedness program can help!

*Ready in 3* was created by the Department of Health and Senior Services to inform Missourians about what they can do at home, school, and work to prepare for emergency circumstances of all kinds. Endorsed by Missouri's Office of Homeland Security, the American Red Cross and the State Emergency Management Agency, *Ready in 3* includes three steps residents can take to become prepared:

1. Create a family plan;
2. Prepare an emergency kit; and
3. Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency.

Preparing for an emergency should be a top priority for every family. Help us prepare Missouri families, tell your friends and business associates about *Ready in 3* and how it can help prepare them for their next emergency situation.

For more information about the state's emergency preparedness program, please visit the web site at [www.dhss.mo.gov](http://www.dhss.mo.gov), click on the *Ready in 3* logo or call 573-526-4768.



## Summer Weather Safety Awareness

Missouri's Summer Weather Safety Campaign will focus on Heat, Lightening and Weather Radios information to keep citizens safe. The National Weather Service (NWS) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) use the summer campaign to educated families while on vacations, or enjoying outdoor sporting activities. Unfortunately, last summer 25 Missourians died from heat related illnesses and two Missourians died from lightening strikes.

The heat information focuses on the warning signs of heat illness. In the summer, it is extremely important to drink lots of water, and seek appropriate first aid at the first sign of trouble. Lightening strikes are more prevalent during summer storms. Because so many people enjoy camping, and outdoor recreational activities, citizens should seek indoor shelter during lightening storms.

"Every family should own a Weather Radio for advanced severe weather information. Some of the smaller radios can easily become a part of a family's camping or vacation gear," said Ronald M. Reynolds, State Emergency Management Agency Director

Why are advanced severe weather warnings important? Consider this spring, Missouri experienced a month long series of severe weather/tornadoes in which 15 people died, 147 were injured, 646 homes were destroyed, 3675 homes were damaged, and 47 counties received a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

The summer Weather Safety (formerly the Heat and Lightning) Awareness information will be posted on the SEMA and the St. Louis NWS homepages. The link to the SEMA homepage is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>. The link to the National Weather Service Heat campaign is: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/prepare.php>

### FY 03-04 SEMA Training Schedule

Date	Title	Location
7/18-20/06	Emergency Planning Course (APDS)	Jefferson City
8/1-3/06	EOC Management & Ops (APDS, POST)	Jefferson City
8/9/06	WMD Crime Scene Mgt for Emergency	St. Louis City
8/9-10/06	Mitigation Planning for Local Gov't	Jefferson City
8/16-17/06	Recovery from Disaster Local Gov't (APDS)	St. Charles
8/22-24/06	Homeland Security for Local Gov't (APDS)	Sikeston
8/22-24/06	Basic Public Information Officer (APDS)	Springfield
9/13-14/06	Resource Management (APDS)	Branson

# Highlights from the 2006 Spring Conference



MEPA Lifetime Awards to Mrs. Henry Cooper and below Bill Lang





# Conference Speakers Inspire, Motivate



**ABOVE: Praxair; Above right: NWS Gang,; Below Right: Scotland Yard & FBI bomb program; Below: Special Needs Planning.**



**Above Left: NIMS; Above: Katrina Response; Right: Catastrophic Planning; and Left: MO TASK Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Katrina Response.**



## SONS Meeting Focuses on Exercise Planning Guidance

An initial planning meeting recently was held in Chicago to discuss exercise objectives for the two-week Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) national exercise set for June 2007. Federal planners attending the meeting represented the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Coast Guard (USCG), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUESC) represented the 13 states contacted about participating in the National Exercise.

SONS 07 exercise planners want to test the National Response Plan and trigger the criteria for the Incident of National Significance. The post Hurricane Katrina Congressional report listed 17 objectives Congress wants addressed/corrected in future response efforts.

"Missouri State Emergency Management Agency plans to use the SONS exercise to test portions of our catastrophic earthquake plan. We will activate our Emergency Operations Center and support local exercises in St. Louis, and Southeast Missouri on the Mississippi River," said Missouri State Emergency Management Director Ronald M. Reynolds.

A mid-October, 2006, meeting will bring states and federal agencies together to discuss response and recovery exercises for the national exercise in June 2007.

The SONS'07 federal planners envision the first week of exercise to focus on response. Tentatively the exercise will start with oil spills on the Great Lakes, which will activate the National Response Plan. A catastrophic earthquake along the New Madrid Seismic Zone on the Mississippi River (somewhere between the cities of Memphis and St. Louis) will complicate response on the Great Lakes and try to trigger the Incident of National Significance criteria. Policy makers in Washington DC will have to decide how to allocate scarce resources among 13 states responding to a disaster larger than "Katrina."

The second week of the SONS exercise will focus on recovery. They are planning tabletop exercises to test each of the 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) listed in the National Response Plan.

"Given the devastating effect of Hurricane Katrina last year, this exercise will provide a valuable opportunity for participating states to look at the regional earthquake risk while testing their response plans," said Jim Wilkinson of CUSEC.

States contacted about participating in the SONS 07 exercise include: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Many local jurisdictions may also exercise their local response plans to either a hazardous materials incident, or an earthquake event.

## Changes at SEMA

### Promotions

**Sheila Huddleston** is the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. She was an EMO III in the Mitigation and Floodplain Branch.

**Zada Farris** is a Special Assistant in the Homeland Security Management Grant Branch. She previously worked in the Mitigation and Floodplain Branch.

**James Pasley** will be a SEMA Area Coordinator Area I in the Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch.

### Resignations

**Stephanie Bise, Alysia Beaudoin, Ricky Presberry**, all Special Assistants in Homeland Security Grant Management Branch, accepted positions in private industry.

**Bruce Fisher**, SEMA Area A Coordinator, accepted a position with Blue Valley Public Safety.

**Janice Libbert**, Administrative Assistant for Planning and Disaster Response Branch, accepted a position with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**Jamie Dake**, Special Assistant for Citizen Council grants, accepted a position as a Voluntary Agency Liaison with FEMA region V in Chicago.

### Leave of Absence

**Dante Gliniecki**, SEMA's Statewide Volunteer Coordinator, is taking a leave of absence.

### Condolences

**Tom Mohr** on the death of his father-in-law.

**Terry Toler** on the death of his mother-in-law.

**Alan Prenger** on the death of his brother-in-law.

## DPS Provides Background Checks on Disaster Volunteers

Two divisions within the Department of Public Safety, the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) have improved criminal background checks on volunteers and applicants during state and national emergency.

As a result of the 2005 Katrina disaster, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council, known as the Compact Council, approved Interstate Identification Index (III) for the FBI to check criminal history records to screen volunteers and displaced individuals.

The FBI only gave direct access to national criminal history record information and fingerprints submission on a temporary basis due to the extent of Katrina relief efforts. SEMA recognized the need for criminal background checks on volunteers during times of state emergency involving natural disasters like the severe tornados Missouri experienced this spring and sought help through MSHP.

The MSHP forwarded a request to the FBI and was granted approval for SEMA to conduct criminal background checks on volunteers to care for the displaced children, elderly and disabled. SEMA will now be able to submit fingerprints in order to conduct non-criminal justice background checks for volunteers with access to children during emergency situations.



## Good News Stories....

### Clay County Exhibits Equipment

"Protecting Our Citizens through Innovative Technology" was the theme Clay County chose to exhibit their new public safety equipment recently. Equipment displayed included the state-of-the-art Incident Command Center purchased by Clay County Emergency Management, safety equipment from the Northland HAZMAT Unit and Northland Fire Chiefs Association. Life Flight exhibited a helicopter and the Clay County Public Health Center provided information on bicycle safety and blood pressure screenings. The Clay County Sheriff demonstrated the effects of alcohol on drivers with its DWI goggles. Parents were able to help safeguard their children through the Sheriff's Ident-i-Kid program.

### Marion Co. Citizen Corps Tornado Response

By Sherry F. Nelson, University of Missouri Extension, Marion County

March 12, 2006 marked an early start for tornado season in Missouri. Monroe County was one of the areas extensively damaged in NE Missouri. Bob Bailey of SEMA contacted Sherry Nelson, University of Missouri Extension Specialist and chair of the Marion County Citizen Corps (MCCC) to help determine the extent and location of damage from the March 12, 2006 tornados. MU Extension Staff, MCCC, and Marion County CERT (MC-CERT) members gathered information on the March 12 storm damage. Within a 24-hour period, they identified areas of major damage including Monroe County, Putnam County and Randolph County, as well as other areas with less extensive damage. Although the MC-CERT team was not called out to Monroe County, several members of MC-CERT did aid in initial clean up work.

Sherry Nelson and Lou Lemen, Director of United Way of the Mark Twain

Area, helped to set up the NEMO (NE Missouri) Unmet Needs Committee. Both Lemen and Nelson continue serving on the Unmet Needs Committee. The teams provided pictures of damaged areas. Tammy Cole, MCCC and MC-CERT member forwarded not only pictures from the March 12, 2006 storm but also sent pictures from the April 2, 2006 that affected Ralls County. Having MU Extension staff, CERT and Citizen Corps members as part of the community disaster response and recovery system allows for more rapid and thorough assessment and recovery efforts.

### Missouri's Preparedness Month Activities

Rather than having one Missouri Preparedness event at the state Capitol, the Department of Public Safety and SEMA would like to highlight regional events in September and October. We would like to publicize one major weekend exercise/event in each of the nine Area Coordinator regions. It is hoped each region will be able to highlight Citizen Council programs, which would attract local citizen who want to volunteer.

Citizen Councils may obtain Missouri's free Ready in 3 literature in Braille, English, Spanish or Bosnian. Ready in 3 is a citizen preparedness campaign. To order: [www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready\\_in\\_3/](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3/) or call 573-526-4768.

Literature from the US Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign may be downloaded from <http://www.ready.gov>.

A special Citizen Council Missouri Preparedness Committee will be working with the nine different regions to set up an event in Southwest Missouri, Kansas City, Mid-Missouri, and St. Louis area. Exercises are already being planned for: Sept. 22 for Southeast Missouri, Sept. 23 for Sikeston (Scott County) and Sept. 29 for Northeast Missouri-Kirksville.

Terri Durdaller of Department of Public Safety and Susie Stonner of SEMA are available to help publicize regional Preparedness events.

### At A Glance

#### New Directors

Harry Gurin EMD for City of Peculiar; Andrea Harris EMD for City of East Lynne; Harold Golubski, Jr. EMD for City of Pierce City; Bryan Max Whitney EMD for Scotland County; Mark Bushong EMD for City of Mountain Grove; Donna Gordon EMD for City of Willard; Jeff Bowman EMD for City of Ash Grove; Ryan Nicholls EMD for Greene County

#### Resignations

Bill Phippins, EMD for Stoddard County, resigned to take a position in private industry.

#### Condolences

Eldon Miller former long-time EMD for the City of Belton died in April.

### NFPA 2006 Theme: "Prevent Cooking Fires"

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced that this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week will be "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat." Fire Prevention Week is scheduled to take place October 8 through 14, 2006. The NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 80 years.

During Fire Prevention Week an emphasis is placed on raising the public's awareness of fire prevention and safety with a special focus this year on the importance of preventing cooking fires in the home.

NFPA studies show cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Three out of four fire injuries reported each year occur in the home. It is vital to stress the importance of cooking safety as hundreds are killed and thousands are injured each year.

Home cooking fires kill hundreds of Americans and injure roughly 4,000 more each year. Aside from death and injury, other personal losses are suffered with half a billion dollars in homes and their contents destroyed annually.

NFPA offers detailed information on the official Fire Prevention Week Web site, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

# *Homeland Security Updates...*

## **Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees**

**By Paul Fennewald, Missouri Homeland Security Advisor**

By Executive Orders # 05-20 and 06-09, Governor Blunt institutionalized the Homeland Security Advisory Counsel (HSAC). As stated in Executive Order 06-09, the Advisory Counsel is to "Work with and provide direction to regional homeland security oversight committees to establish strategies and priorities for Missouri homeland security grant funding programs and other homeland security initiatives;"

In support of the HSAC, the Missouri Office of Homeland Security along with the State Emergency Management Agency is formalizing the formation of Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (HSOC) throughout the state of Missouri. These regional committees will utilize the same geographic boundaries as the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop Regions (Region A-I).

The St. Louis and Kansas City Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) have separate Homeland Security Grant Funding sources, and are not considered a part of these committees. However, they will have some interaction with the respective oversight committees in their particular region. In developing overall strategy for homeland security in the state of Missouri, at times they may interact with these committees, as well as the HSAC.

Thirteen (13) core disciplines at the county/local level have been identified as minimum voting participants in these committees. While only one individual from each discipline in a specific region will hold a voting seat on the committee, it is mandated that they represent all segments of their core discipline members in their region, including both county and local interest. They will accomplish this through establishment of working groups within each discipline, that are all inclusive in of their specific discipline in their geographic

region.

The following are the core disciplines that represent the minimal template for committee membership: Director of Emergency Management, Police Chief, Sheriff, Fire Chief, County Health, Homeland Security Response Team, City or County Public Works, Mayor or City Administrator, County Commissioner, Private Industry/Public Utility, Emergency Medical Service, 911, Volunteer Group Representation

After the initial formation of the Oversight Committee, the voting members will elect a representative from their membership to represent their region. All the nine (9) regional HSOC representatives will collectively participate in providing input to the HSAC in addressing homeland security grant funding issues, as well as furnish input to refine homeland security strategy for the state of Missouri.

Due to the sometimes sensitive nature of "threat"/critical infrastructure material that will be discussed and made available to the HSOC members, HSOC members will be required furnish identifying information to allow a background records check, prior to being allowed to serve on the HSOC. Additionally each member will be required to sign a "non-disclosure" agreement as a condition of membership on the HSOC.

In the event of an allegation of serious misconduct on the part of an HSOC member, the HSOC membership in closed session will be empowered to hold a hearing on relevant issues to the allegation, including hearing from the HSOC member in question, and upon a 2/3 majority vote, if warranted, remove the person in question from membership on the HSOC. A felony criminal conviction shall result in automatic termination from the HSOC. The Homeland Security Coordinator will "Chair" any disciplinary related meetings, in close session.

To further support the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees, representatives as designated by the Director or Agency Head of each agency from the following designated agencies will serve as "Ex-Officio" members and will actively work with the Committees, and serve as "subject matter experts" and liaison to the Committees in each respective region

Ex-Officio Members are: Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Area Coordinator, Designated Regional Planning Committee (Administrative Agent), Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DPS), Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), Missouri Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), Missouri Fire Marshal's Office (FM), Missouri Department of Agriculture (DOA), Missouri Department of Transportation (DOT), Missouri Water Patrol (WP)(As appropriate to the individual regions), Missouri Department of Conservation (DOC)

Other Ex-Officio members from state agencies may be designated by the HSAC to support the Committees, as needed. The HSAC and/or the Committees can request additional Ex-Officio member participation from other non-state agencies and individuals, as needed.

The SEMA Area Coordinators will work closely with the HSOC in each region to facilitate dissemination of information and communication between the HSOC, the designated RPC/Administrative Agent, SEMA, and the Office of Homeland Security. The Deputy Director of SEMA and the Homeland Security Coordinator will co-share responsibility working with the HSOC designated chairperson in each region, the SEMA Area Coordinator, the RPC/Administrative Agent, as well as with the Ex-Officio members in each Region to make sure the HSOCs are functional and supporting Missouri's homeland security strategy.



## Lead Regional Planning Commission Information

Information from Duane Nichols,  
SEMA Deputy Director

These are the nine lead Regional Planning Commissions and contact information for our SEMA Area Coordinator Regions:

**Area A:** Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Rick Childers (660) 463-7934, [rick@trailsrc.org](mailto:rick@trailsrc.org)

**Area B:** Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, Executive Director Mark Fuqua (573) 565-2203, [Fuquacog@rallstech.com](mailto:Fuquacog@rallstech.com)

**Area C:** Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Steve Etcher (636) 456-3473, [etcher@boonslick.org](mailto:etcher@boonslick.org)

**Area D:** Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, Executive Director Diane May (417) 836-6900, [dianemay@missouristate.edu](mailto:dianemay@missouristate.edu)

**Area E:** Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission, Executive Director Chauncy Buchheit (573) 547-8357, [cbuchheit@semorpc.org](mailto:cbuchheit@semorpc.org)

**Area F:** Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Edward Siegmund, (573) 657-9779, [edwardsiegmund@mmrpc.org](mailto:edwardsiegmund@mmrpc.org)

**Area G:** South Central Ozark Council of Governments, Executive Director Jim Dancy, (417) 256-4226, [jdancy@townsq.com](mailto:jdancy@townsq.com)

**Area H:** Mo-Kan Regional Council, Executive Director Tom Bliss, (816) 233-3144, [tom@mo-kan.org](mailto:tom@mo-kan.org)

**Area I:** Meramec Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Richard Cavender, (573) 265-2993, [rac@meramecregion.org](mailto:rac@meramecregion.org)

Each HSROCs will select a committee member to represent their area in an *Area Forum* that will represent all of the regions and local governments at the state level. The forum will periodically prepare reports and convey needs of the regions directly to the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Conversely, the forum will accept direction and feedback from the Advisory Council to convey back to the HSROCs.

In 2005, the Governor established the *Homeland Security Advisory Council*. The Council's purpose is to give oversight to the homeland security grant process, and produce a comprehensive statewide emergency preparedness, response and recovery plan for the Governor's review and approval.

The council also coordinates

the establishment of the regionalization framework for information sharing between state, regional, and local partners. Homeland Security Advisory Council members are appointed by the Governor and generally comprise directors or representative of key state departments and agencies associated with homeland security planning and response.

## Missouri Will Receive \$42.8 Million in DHS Funds

Gov. Matt Blunt announced Missouri will receive \$42,860,979 in funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for State and Local Homeland Security initiatives.

"Missouri's share of federal funds will have a direct impact on our state's emergency preparedness planning for a range of threats facing our communities, ultimately reducing the impact of major events on lives, property and the economy," Blunt said. "I commend Missouri's Homeland Security team for their ability to convey Missouri's public protection needs to the federal government."

Missouri will receive Department of Homeland Security funds in the following programs:

• State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	\$17,980,000
• Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI)	\$18,440,000
(Kansas City will receive \$9,240,000 and St Louis will receive \$9,200,000)	
• Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)	\$ 5,610,000
• Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)	\$ 464,440
• Citizen Corps Program (CCP)	\$ 366,319

The national peer reviewers deemed 8 of 15 of Missouri's justifications as being in the top 15 percent of the 586 proposals submitted to Department of Homeland Security. Overall, the peer groups rated Missouri's proposal in the top 25 percent and 50 percent.

"SEMA spent hundreds of hours working with local officials, the UASIs, and state agencies gathering information to write and submit Missouri's FY'06 Homeland Security Grant proposal, said Mark James Director of Public Safety. "I am proud of the work Missouri presented to the federal government."

The grant application process brought state, local and Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) officials together to work on a risk analysis for Missouri. The grant proposal also outlined how Missouri would use federal funds to enhance Missouri's capabilities. Missouri has two UASI cities – St. Louis and Kansas City.

"Once the official grant letter is received, Missouri will have 60 days to reprioritize some objectives and allocate the funds," said Ronald M. Reynolds, State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Director and Missouri's State Administrative Agent (SAA) for Homeland Security grant management.

This year's competitive Homeland Security grants were peer reviewed and based on risk and state and Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) objectives. The Department of Homeland Security's total FY06 Homeland Security Grant was \$500 Million less for the entire nation than last year.

## \$5.3 Million Awarded for Interoperable Communications Equipment

The State of Missouri awarded 159 local jurisdictions USDHS FY05 Interoperable Communications grants totaling \$5.3 million. This grant focused on promoting interoperability and narrow banding for smaller jurisdictions that otherwise would experience difficulty meeting the Federal Communications Commission Narrowband deadline of 2013. The State Homeland Security Advisory Council approved the FY05 Interoperable Communications grant awards.

"This is the first step in giving local public safety responders the radio communications capabilities they need to be able to talk with each other on-scene, and relay information to the local emergency operations center," said Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. "Missouri will continue to give our first responders the tools they need to protect our citizens," he added.

Local jurisdictions will replace wideband-only portable and mobile radios, with narrowband units. Additionally, they agree to program the designated multi-jurisdiction interoperability channels set aside by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) for local public safety use. The State Interoperability Executive Committee and the Missouri State Highway Patrol have already secured the appropriate FCC licenses for Missouri.

By implementing these interoperability requirements, agencies responding to a multi jurisdictional event will have shared channel interoperability, as outlined in the National Interoperability Continuum. Almost two hundred (200) public safety agencies in Missouri have already agreed to implement these multi-discipline interoperability channels in their radios.

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) administers the Homeland Security Grant program for Missouri. Missouri allotted \$5.3 Million this portion of the

Interoperable Communications grant. SEMA processed 343 Interoperable Communications Grant Program applications totaling over \$21.7 Million. The grants were awarded using a combination of Interoperable Communications Peer Review Panel recommendations, and scores generated from the application questionnaire.

Here is the link to the list of the jurisdictions receiving Interoperable Communications Grants: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/FY%202005Interoperable%20Communications%20Grant%20Recipients.pdf>

### FY 2005 Interoperable Communications Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Revised June 1, 2006

**Q:** If I can save money on radios, can I purchase additional radios? What happens to leftover funds?

**A:** No. You are limited to the number of radios awarded. Leftover funds, realized by competitive bidding and/or savings, will be awarded to fellow emergency responders so that Missouri can continue to enhance its interoperability capability.

**Q:** Can I purchase accessories for the radios? What about installation?

**A:** The intent of the grant is to pay for basic portable and mobile radio units. Repeaters for base units are not allowable. An antenna for a mobile unit only may be considered part of the basic package. Installation is covered on mobile radios. Repeaters for mobile radios may be allowed pending pre-approval by SEMA.

**Q:** If I save money on portables, can I

apply those savings towards mobiles?

**A:** Yes. Three things limit your purchase – the Total Qty of radios approved, the Total allocation and the stipulation that if you decommission 5 mobiles, for example, you MUST replace with 5 mobiles. This is noted in the Instructions for Decommissioning in the paragraph below "Option 3:" on page 2. Do not decommission 10 mobiles and replace with 10 portables.

**Q:** Must I purchase the brand originally proposed in my application?

**A:** NO. As long as your purchase meets compliance standards, the brand does not matter.

**Q:** Can I buy radios that are not yet compliant, but will be (acc to the vendor), in the near future when the new software is available?

**A:** We cannot reimburse you for noncompliant radios. Reminder: The final grant date is February 28, 2007. If it won't be compliant by then, don't buy it.

**Q:** What kind of pre-programming must take place? **A:** You dictate most of the programming. The only requirement is the pre-programming of a channel or channels that enable interoperability, commonly called "MTAC," "UTAC," or "VTAC." **Q:** Do I have to bid the radios?

**A:** You MUST adhere to local procurement guidelines for purchases. Violation could result in repayment of funds.

**Q:** If we choose Option 2 for decommissioning, can the vendor turn the radios back to us in lieu of a credit?

**A:** NO! These radios must be taken out of circulation and cannot be reused by you. Reminder: Only wideband radios can be decommissioned.

**Q:** We submitted a multi-jurisdictional application. One of the entities approved to receive a radio or radios no longer wants to participate. Can we reassign that radio somewhere else?



**A: No. If an intended recipient does not want to participate for any reason, SEMA should be notified. That award amount will be adjusted accordingly.**

**Q: I am getting conflicting information from vendors.**

**A: If you have ANY questions, please contact SEMA prior to purchasing the radios. You are accountable for the grant terms being met. Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your reimbursement request or, if discovered after payment, repayment may be necessary.**

**Q: The Grant Guidance talks about accessing your grant information online, but I received an email rejecting my account request.**

**A: This process is not yet ready. Please watch the SEMA newsletter, SEMA website, or your email for further information. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.**

**Q: How do I get reimbursed?**

**A: We are finalizing that now. The information will be announced at the same time the account information is addressed. Please watch the SEMA newsletter, SEMA website, or your email for further information. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.**

## **DPS Director James Named to National Homeland Security Council**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety Director and Missouri's Homeland Security Advisor, Mark James, has been appointed Missouri's representative to the National Governor's Association Homeland Security Advisors Council. This council meets twice a year to discuss improving interstate communications, developing a unified voice to the Department of Homeland Security, and trouble shooting emerging issues while reviewing and analyzing federal homeland security activities.

## **22 Missouri Jurisdictions Receive CEDAP Awards**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced 2005 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) awards to more than 1,100 local police and fire departments, totaling more than \$20 million as part of the second phase of the fiscal year. The 22 Missouri jurisdictions will be receiving grants were Fire Departments, Law Enforcement Agencies, Emergency Management Departments, Local Planning Committees and a city.

**10 Fire Departments:** Canton R-V FPD, Webb City FD, Hannibal RFPD, Sni-Valley FPD, Hazelgreen FPD, Ironton FD, Cooper County FPD, Stewartville FPD, Farmington FD, and Oran FPD.

**Seven Law Enforcement Agencies:** City of Park Hills PD, Maryville Department of Public Safety, Ironton PD, Jasper County Metro PD, Richland PD, Portageville PD, and Foristell PD.

**Three Emergency Management Departments:** Bates County, Cooper County EMA/911, and Webster County.

**One Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Shelby County LEPC.

**One City:** City of Knob Knoster.

CEDAP helps meet the equipment needs of smaller jurisdictions by providing communications interoperability, information sharing, chemical detection, sensors, personal protective equipment, technology, and training in using the equipment, devices, and technology. Awards are made to law enforcement and emergency responder agencies not currently eligible for funding through the department's Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program.

## **NIMS Alert**

**Jim Charrier,  
SEMA, State Training Officer**

While this is technically not a required course at this point, I highly recommend the NIMS course be taken by any responders that may assume a role in the resource management section of an

incident response (ICS) or work in the resource management section of an EOC.

NIMS Integration Center and Emergency Management Institute Release New Online Training Course on Resource Management

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's NIMS Integration Center and Emergency Management Institute have made available online, interactive Web-based training that will help incident managers establish NIMS-related systems that will help them get the resources they need to respond to an emergency or disaster. Resource management is an ongoing process that establishes systems to describe, inventory, request and track resources. The systems are used during deployment or recall of resources in connection with an incident.

Resource management is a key component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which standardizes the procedures and functions involved in the resource management process. NIMS resource management provides a uniform way to identify, acquire, allocate and track resources including personnel, teams, equipment and supplies. It is tied to mutual aid, resource typing, the use of common terminology and credentialing.

Primary tasks addressed in the course, which is called IS-703 NIMS Resource Management, involve establishing systems to describe, inventory, request and track resources; activate the systems and dispatch resources prior to and during an incident; and deactivation or recall of resources. The course demonstrates how resources, such as personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies, are managed through advance planning, resource identification and ordering, categorizing resources, use of agreements, acquisition management, management information systems, and protocols for ordering, mobilizing and dispatching.

# Missouri Citizen Corps News

Until a new Missouri Citizen Council program manager is named, Randy Gabel of the Eureka Fire Protection District and Mark Widner of the Independence Citizen Council will serve as Citizen Council advisors to Karen Benson Chairwoman of the State Citizen Corps Council (The Disaster Recovery Partnership), and SEMA Director Ronald M. Reynolds.

Gabel and Widner will also serve as liaisons for four recently established Citizen Council Committees. Those committees are:

**The Badging/Database Committee's** goal is to standardize a system for tracking and identifying volunteers on the State and Local level. The State of Missouri is purchasing a perpetual license for E-TEAM to help local jurisdictions track volunteers and donations management functions. The co-chairmen are Bob Esterline Eureka FPD, and Phil Amtower of Christian County. Other committee members are: Linda Doerge of Bollinger County, Mike Thiemann of Metro-West FPD, Jane Stough of Cape Girardeau FD, Karen Eagleson of Johnson County, Barlow Biggers of Miller County, Matt Buydos and Dwayne Waster both of Elliot Data, and Randy Gabel and Mark Wiegand both of Eureka FD.

**Missouri's (National) Preparedness Month (September)** Committee will work with Department of Public Safety's Terri Durdaller and SEMA's Susie Stonner to coordinate and publicize regional Preparedness Events during September and possibly October. The co-chairwomen are Lisa Binkley of Cole County, and Jane Stough of Cape Girardeau FD. Other committee members are: Mark Widner of Independence Citizen Corps, Ryan Nicholls of Greene County, Phil Amtower of Christian County, Carmen Stanton of NE Missouri Medical Reserve Corps (Kirksville), Barlow Biggers of Miller County, Vicky Barr of Camden County, Teresa Tost of Douglas County, Dori Mildyke of Kansas Citizen Corps (for activities in the Kansas City area), Stephen Orr of Rock Community FPD, Stonner, Durdaller and Laura Kliethermes of Department of Health and Senior Services.

**Program Guidance Com-mittee** will help Citizen Corps group will adapt/interpret US Department of Homeland Security grant guidance for both Missouri and local programs. This group will also provide feedback to the National Citizens Corps for future fiscal year grant guidance. The co-chairmen are Jane Sough, and Kevin Grimshaw of Rock Community Fire Protection District. Other committee members are: Mike Thiemann of Metro-West FPD, John Otte of Hazelwood CC, Barlow Biggers of Miller County, and Bob Esterlein of Eureka CERT, Randy Gabel of Eureka FPD, and Michael Wiegand of Eureka PD.

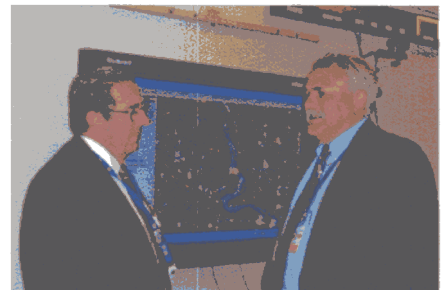
**Citizen Corps Confer-ence:** This committee will plant the 2006/2007 Citizen Corps Conference, select a site, speakers and provide the framework for the conference. The co-chairmen are Mike Thiemann of Metro-West Fire Protection District and Vicky Barr of Camdenton County Citizen Council. Other committee members are: Teresa Tost and Billie sue Yost both of Ava/Douglas County, Stephen Orr of Rock Community FPD, Lisa Binkley of Cole County, John Otte of Hazelwood CC, Jane Stough of Cape Girardeau FD, Karen Eagleson of Johnson County, Bob Esterlein of Eureka CERT, Carmen Stanton of Northeast MO Medical Reserve Corps (Kirksville), Barlow Biggers of Miller County, Randy Gabel of Eureka FPD, and Michael Wiegand of Eureka PD.

## Gateway Citizen Corps Formed, Adopts By-Laws

Citizen Councils in the St Louis Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) recently formed the Gateway Citizens Council and adopted By-laws for the organization. The group's mission is to unify CERT efforts, secure both Homeland Security and corporate funding for the Missouri counties of St. Charles, Jefferson, Franklin and St Louis, and the Illinois Counties of Madison, Monroe and St. Clair, as well as, the City of St. Louis.

The Gateway Citizen Council Officers are: President Tim Bonno - AT&T; Vice President Bob Knight - St. Clair County; Treasurer Toni Gist - GKN Aerospace; Secretary Mike Thiemann - Metro West Fire Protection District; Civilian Advisor to the Board Bob Esterlein - Eureka CERT.

Citizen Corps board members from each of the eight geographical areas are: Bill Roach- St. Louis County, Dian Becker - Franklin County, Deputy Chief Randy Gabel - Jefferson County, (VACANT)- St. Charles County, Larry Ringering - Madison County, Gene Henchler - Monroe County, and Ken Walk - City of St. Louis. Representatives from the other Affiliated Members of the not associated with one of the Citizen Corps Programs are: Mary Anderson - American Red Cross, and Kay Archer - United Way (LTRC). Representative from private industry is Jim Sease - GKN Aerospace.



SEMA's Deputy Director Duane Nichols and Missouri's Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennewald.